(2) giving permanent *pattas* to raiyats as they have improved the lands at their own cost ;

(3) if it is found to be true that there are dissensions between the *vahivatdar* and raiyats, to take away the management from the former so as to prevent disputes and to appoint *Hukdar* Patels and Shanbhogs for collection of revenue and a committee for supervising the affairs with a view to see that the object of the grant is being carried out?

(*k*) Is it a fact that the *vahivatdar* has since petitioned for converting this village into a *Brahmadaya inam* ?

(*l*) If so, is such conversion possible ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—11. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1900.

(*c*) An endorsement appears to have issued in 1900 to certain occupants regarding their rights over the lands in their possession as well as in the trees and the *kapile* wells on them.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. The Jodidar is reported to have given a statement not consistent with the endorsement referred to in Question (*d*).

(*f*) (1) A small amount (Rs. 2) is reported to have been realised as hulbanni in some years. Government have no information as regards the other two items.

(2) The matter requires investigation.

(3) *Vide* answers to (1) and (2) above.

(*g*) Government have no information on the point. Will be enquired into.

(*h*) The matter in under enquiry.

(*i*) Will be enquired into.

(*j*) *Vide* answer to Questions (*g*), (*h*) and (*i*). What action is necessary will be settled after the results of the investigation are known.

(*k*) Yes.

(*l*) The matter is under consideration.

MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR and KATTE DAKAPPA (Thirthahalli Taluk), N. BHASKARA RAO (Sorab Taluk) and B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk).—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What are the steps suggested by the Retrench-

ment Committee to reduce the heavy and various expenditures in the budget ?

(*b*) How far have these suggestions been given effect to ?

(*c*) What was the highest Reserve Fund on record and what is the present amount ?

(*d*) How many new establishments and appointments are created after the advent of the Retrenchment Committee ?

(*e*) What are the respective expenditures of these new establishments and appointments during the last 6 years ?

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—15. (*a*) and (*b*) Reference is invited to Government Order No. 4105-54—C.B. 163-22-1, dated 13th January 1923, a copy of which is placed on the table. *Vide* Appendix.

	Highest on record. Rs in lakhs.	Present amount. Rs. in lakhs
(*c*) Famine Insurance Reserve	.. 63·98	63·98
Special Reserve for Non-recurring Expenditure	.. 12·71 (in 1918-19)	10·51
Rserve for Irrigation Capital Expenditure	12·69 (1918-19)	3·57

(*d*) and (*e*). The information is not readily available. The collection of the particulars required under all the heads and for a period of six years involves laborious work.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

With reference to answer (*c*) may I know in what year the Famine Insurance Reserve was the highest on record?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

During the past year.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Are they not drawing upon the reserves for capital works?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

It is only the interest that is utilised for irrigation works.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Is that a correct policy ?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

The question of policy cannot be raised in interpellations.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

When was this policy decided upon?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

Vide the Government Order which was printed in the Budget Memorandum of last year.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

May I know why answers to (*d*) and (*e*) are not furnished?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

It has been referred to in the Dewan's Address. There are temporary and permanent establishments and the compilation of details for each is a very laborious task.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

How will the object of the members be achieved if the information asked for is not furnished?

Financial Secretary.—

Whatever information is available will be given.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

How are the members to know whether the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee were carried out?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

The Government Order on the subject placed on the table is quite clear.

Mr. Siddalingappa Setty.—

Are Government justified in refusing to give the necessary information?

Second Member of Council.—

It does not arise out of the question.

Mr. B. P. Basappa Setty.—

Will the information be furnished at the next session?

Financial Secretary.—

Not possible.

MESSRS. PATEL BASAPPA, A. S. MURIGAPPA (Shimoga Taluk), KATTE DAKAPPA, B. GOPALACHAR and TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Thirthahalli Taluk), N. BHASKHARA RAO (Sorab Taluk) and B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The amount of the irrigation cess annually collected in the Shimoga District (Talukwar)?

(*b*) The irrigation works carried out in each of the past five years out of the cess realisations?

(*c*) The amount that remained unspent in each of the past five years?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to spend the accumulated surpluses on the execution of important bridge works in the District?

(*e*) If so, will they direct the construction of a bridge across the Thunga river near Thirthahalli, this being a very urgent work to be taken up at an early date?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—16. (*a*)

	Rs.	a.	p.
Shimoga	7,108	7	5
Honnali	923	5	5
Chennagiri	2,817	14	3
Shikarpur	9,274	11	4
Sorab	13,465	3	3
Sagar	11,038	9	7
Nagar	7,869	5	8
Thirthahalli	13,054	0	4
Kumsi	2,518	9	8
Total ..	68,070	2	11